**DISTANCE SCOUTING PROGRAMME 2**

**(27 MARCH 2020)**

**“ROBIN HOOD – INTO NOTTINGHAM FOREST”**

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| **You have until 19h00 on Friday 3 April 2020 to complete this programme. Follow the instructions carefully and you will be marked “present” for the programme, earn points for your patrol and hopefully compete some advancement and prepare for upcoming programmes and camps. More importantly, HAVE FUN!!!** |

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| **Equipment required for programme:**   * A cellphone with internet access and WhatsApp access to your patrol WhatsApp Group * A weight about 10% of your body weight (maybe use an old pillow with items in it). * Poles / broomstocks, a tarpaulin / plastic bags, string / elastic bands * Items to make alternate energy advices (senior scouts only) * Your personal journal |

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| **Prior to the Programme your PL should determine who will be creating the “alternate energy video” and “Shelter video” (See “Getting Comfortable” below). More than one scout can do this item. If no scout needs to do this advancement item, the PL should do the videos.** |

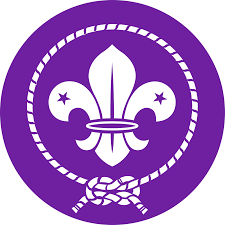
Last week you and your patrol found yourselves whisked away to medieval England, where you were separated when the townsfolk attacked you. You found yourself in a nearby forest, where you met Robin of the Hood, Little John and their band of “outlaws”, who turned out to be little more than local townsfolk fleeing the oppressive Sheriff of Nottingham. You managed to purify some water for consumption and to set up an online blog to put your family in the future at ease (somehow your cellphones still work).

For now you are trapped in the past and whilst you try to make your way home, your best bet is to stick with Robin and his band. Good luck!

Your PL should be able to help you’re your uniform, but maybe look at the new uniform policy at <https://www.scouts.org.za/wp-content/uploads/SSA-Uniform-Policy2020v1clean.pdf>. There are diagrams at the end of the policy. Recruiter Badges have now moved, so even if you think your uniform is correct, check it!

**INSPECTION:**

Robin and his men are much more comfortable around you and have started to talk to you. They are fascinated by your scout uniform (which you were wearing for the formal banquet with the witch. Can you explain some of it to them?

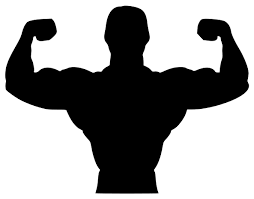
**If you are an invested scout** take a photo of your uniform shirt and post it on your patrol group. Note any problems with your uniform shirt, then fix them and post a picture of your fixed uniform on the patrol group. Finally, find a picture of one other Region’s region badge and one other District’s district badge and post them on the group. Every patrol member must do a different Region and District, so fastest fingers first!

**If you are a visitor who has not been invested** find out what the “World Scout Badge” is and post your findings, including the symbolism behind the badge. Try find out yourself, but if you are struggling ask your PL for help.

**GAME:**

**This covers item 1 of the Fitness Scoutcraft Badge. This scoutcraft badge also counts towards Item 2i of the Personal Development Theme for the Traveller Badge.**

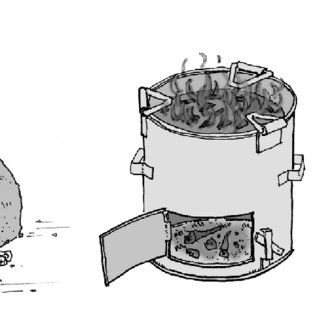
Although most of Robin’s followers are humble serfs, there is a core of fighting men who raid the Sheriff’s stores for food, ambush tax collectors and protect peasants from the marauding Sheriff’s forces. They have invited you to join this elite band, but to do so you need to prove that you are physically fit enough.

You will need your parents or a sibling to help you with this. Visit <https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Fitness_Scoutcraft_Badge> and see if you can complete item 1 of the badge in the time for your age group. If you can’t do all the items due to space constraints see if you can improvise (For example in item viii maybe place the beacons 12,5m apart and double the number of turns). You can do this item as often as you want, if you don’t make it the first time try practice to see if you can get fit enough to make the time! You can then be tested when formal scouts recommences.

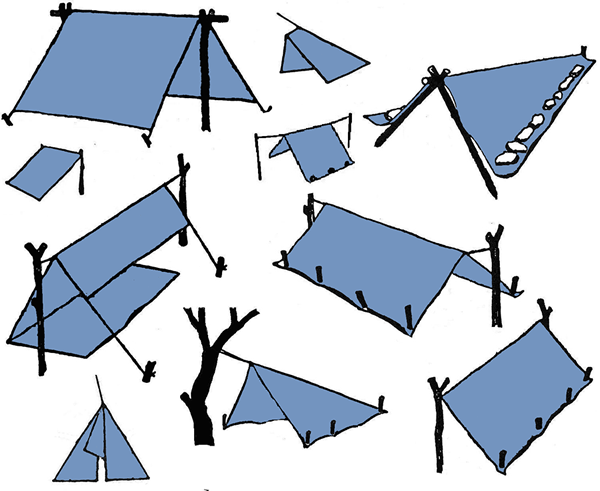
Post your best time on the patrol group.

**GETTING COMFORTABLE:**

You now have been accepted into Robin’s band of merry men and are now fully welcome in their camp. Last week you sorted out the problem of water. The outlaws are sharing their meagre food rations, but that won’t last long. Your most pressing need is shelter, but you need to be thinking long-term in terms of food and hygiene too. Cooking on a fire is not ideal as the smoke can give you away to the Sheriff’s men, and there are no fridges or other basic kitchen items.

**If you have completed your “Living Outdoors” Theme from your Discoverer** put together a presentation for your patrol on alternate cooking / hygiene methods. This can include items like a hay box, a reflector oven, a solar box a camp fridge or a similar items. Ideally you should build two of these items. Items like plastic wrap can be used instead of glass for solar ovens and an old shoe box can be used instead of a wooden box, but if you are really missing out equipment draw a diagram of the two items you intend building and explain how they are made. Your video should not be longer than ten minutes long and should ideally include you cooking something or using your fridge etc. Your video should have a training element (don’t just show off the item, show how it is made and how to use it).

**This covers part or all of Item 3i of the Living Outdoors Theme of the First Class Badge. Have a look at pages 154 to 159 of “My Scout Journey” for ideas.**

**If you have completed your “Living Outdoors” Theme from your Traveller** put together a presentation for your patrol on how to build a backwoods shelter. If you have a large garden try build it out of natural materials, but if you are in a flat or a small space use whatever is around you and do an indoor shelter. Broom sticks can be used instead of poles, elastic bands instead of string and newspaper can be useful as “thatch”. Include in your video a brief chat on how to layer thatch if you are doing a pure “natural” shelter. The video should be no longer than ten minutes long.

**This covers Item 3ib of the Living Outdoors Theme of the Discoverer Badge.**

**If you have not completed your “Living Outdoors” Theme from your Traveller** watch the videos uploaded on your patrol Whatsapp Group and then build your very own shelter. Ideally this should be in the garden (if you have one), but if necessary do this indoors. Sleep in the shelter for one night and take a photo of you in your shelter and post it on your patrol group. Test how waterproof your shelter is with a watering can if it is outside, post a photo of you in the shelter with water being poured on it.

**This covers the requirements of item 2 of the Scoutcraft Survival Badge and Item 1ib of the Living Outdoors Theme of the Traveller Badge.**

**DON’T FORGET HOME:**

Well done, you have got basic shelter in place and are hopefully going to get a good night’s rest.

Don’t forget to ensure your families do too by keeping them abreast of your adventures in Nottingham forest.

**This covers part of Item 1ii of the Leadership Theme from your First Class Badge. You need to maintain the blog for a term to pass this item.**

**If you have completed your “Leadership” Theme from your Discoverer** upload the latest photos etc onto your patrol blog. If your blog is not up and running yet, get it going! If you can’t do a blog, set up an Instagram page or something similar **If nobody need to complete this item the PL should set up this meeting.**

**If you are not running the blog** update your Personal Log. What do you feel about your first Distance Scouting Programme? Maybe add some of the photos of what you are doing.

**This covers part of Item 1i of the Personal Development Theme from the Traveller Badge. You need at least five entries to pass the item.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Don’t forget that from 3 to 5 April a special Jamboree on the Internet / Jamboree on the Air (JOTA / JOTI) will be taking place, which will allow you to interact with scouts from around the world. Those of you who were at the World Jamboree in the USA last year can catch up with some of your friends. Information on this event can be found at <https://www.jotajoti.info/home>. If you take part, post a photo or details of something you have learned on your patrol group to earn bonus points for your patrol.
* This Distance Scouting Programme is an experiment. We would appreciate constructive feedback on the programme. Please send this to [andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za).

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